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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 013

E.O. 11652 : GDS
TAGS :
SUBJECT : POSSIBLE IDI AMIN VISIT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMS PRESS REPORTS THAT UGANDA'S IDI AMIN "MAY" VISIT BAHRAIN MID-JANUARY. AMIR TOLD AMBASSADOR LAST MONTH AMIN WAS PUSHING TO COME AND GOB WAS TRYING TO STALL HIM OFF FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN HOPE THAT HE MIGHT "GO AWAY."

2. IN ABSENCE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO ATTEND CUSTOMARY AIRPORT RECEPTION AND SEND OFF AND TO ATTEND USUAL BRIEF AND RITUALISTIC "STATE DINNER" AMIR WILL HOST AT QADDABIYA PALACE. THESE EVENTS WILL INVOLVE TOTAL OF FOUR HANDSHAKES WITH AMIN. NO OTHER CONTACT ANTICIPATED. AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE WOULD BE NOTED AND PROBABLY REGARDED BY AMIR OF BAHRAIN AS "LETTING HIM DOWN" IN A MOMENT ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY EMBARRASSING.

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF VISIT, DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC POINTS TO RAISE WITH GOB ON ANGOLA OR OTHER AFRICAN ISSUES?
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